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For

BATTERY MODULE, AND RECHARGEABLE BATTERY FOR

CONSTITUTING THE BATTERY MODULE

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97-1.98, and supplemental to an Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 12, 2000, Applicants hereby bring to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent applications, which were previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 12, 2000. Applicants note that at the time of filing the above-noted Information Disclosure Statement the following patent applications had not been assigned an application number and have now been duly assigned an application number.

a) U.S. Patent Application No. 09/680,296, filed October 6, 2000, entitled "Structure for Fixing Electrode Plate Groups in Cells that Constitute a Battery Module"; and

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b) U.S. Patent Application No. 09/680,294, filed October 6, 2000, entitled "Structure for Connecting a Plurality of Battery Modules to Constitute a Battery Pack".

For the convenience of the Examiner, copies of the above-noted applications have been attached hereto.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted, Shinji HAMADA et al.

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